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MTD STAFF TO BE AT BUS STOPS TO GATHER PUBLIC INPUT

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) is taking it to the streets. In an effort to garner public input directly from those getting on or off buses, MTD representatives will be posted at various bus stops, to hear feedback about the proposed route and schedule changes. Times and locations are listed below:

Downtown Transit Center: Wednesday, April 14 – 7am to 10am & 3pm to 6pm

Santa Barbara City College: Wednesday, April 14 – 7am to 10am & 3pm to 6pm

UCSB North Hall: Tuesday, April 20 – 7am to 10am & 3pm to 6pm

State & La Cumbre (both sides of State St): Wednesday, April 21 – 7am to 10am & 3pm to 6pm

Hollister & Nectarine: Thursday, April 22 – 7am to 10am & Tuesday, April 27 – 3pm to 6pm

“We’ve chosen a variety of high-traffic locations, during the busiest travel times, to talk with as many MTD riders as possible,” said David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development and Community Relations. “As we prepare for these new changes to take effect on August 23rd, we’d like to hear from anyone who may be affected by these proposed changes.”

To see a list of the proposed route and schedules changes, as well as the dates and locations to meet MTD staff, go to: www.sbmtd.gov. This flyer, in both English and Spanish, may be downloaded and posted for employees or other interested individuals. To contact MTD directly with your feedback, email: servicechange@sbmtd.gov, call: 963-3364 or mail: MTD 550 Olive St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), with its focus on passenger service, provides a reliable, safe, comfortable means of mobility to those who lack other transportation, including students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. MTD also provides an attractive transportation option for commuters and shoppers who might otherwise drive a car. MTD provides more than 31,000 passenger trips each weekday resulting in 22,676 cars being left at home on weekdays. MTD provided more than 8,300,000 passenger trips last fiscal year. Santa Barbara is recognized as a transit intensive community and is ranked in the top ten in the nation for per capita bus usage. MTD operates North America’s largest fleet of 100% battery electric buses. Additionally, MTD was the first in California to operate its fleet of diesel and diesel-electric buses with a bio-diesel blend of fuel.

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